

A PROCLAMATION BY THE DIRECTOR OF EMERGENCY SERVICES OF THE  
COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, PROCLAIMING THE EXISTENCE OF  
A LOCAL EMERGENCY AND ORDERING MANDATORY EVACUATION PURSUANT  
TO CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE §8550 *et seq.*

WHEREAS, Section 1-15-1030 of the Tulare County Ordinance Code (the “Code”) empowers the Director of Emergency Services of the County of Tulare (or successor, if the Director is incapacitated, unavailable, and/or otherwise unable to perform his or her duties) to proclaim the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency if the Board of Supervisors is not in session; and

WHEREAS, Section 1-15-1005(a) of the Code defines “emergency” to include “the actual or threatened existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within this County caused by such conditions as air pollution, fire, flood, storm, epidemic, riot, earthquake, or other conditions, ... which conditions are or are likely to be beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this County, requiring the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 1-15-1005(d) of the Code, “disaster” includes extraordinary fire or other public calamity;

WHEREAS, when a local emergency is proclaimed, Section 1-15-1030 of the Code empowers the Director of Emergency Services to make and issue rules and regulations on matters reasonably related to the protection of life and property as affected by such emergency, provided that such rules and regulations are confirmed by the Board of Supervisors at the earliest practicable time; and

WHEREAS, the Cedar Fire is an extraordinary wildfire currently burning in portions of Kern and Tulare County, and the Board of Supervisors is not currently in session;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY PROCLAIMED by the Tulare County Director of Emergency Services, or successor, that due to the Cedar Fire, conditions of disaster and extreme peril to the safety of persons and property have arisen within the County of Tulare and, therefore, a local emergency now exists in Tulare County.

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that the disaster and the extreme peril to the safety of persons and property are beyond the control of the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities of this County, and thus require the combined forces of other political subdivisions to combat;

IT IS FURTHER PROCLAIMED that a mandatory evacuation order is now in effect for the following areas: \_\_\_\_\_

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Tulare County Sheriff and any other law enforcement personnel providing mutual aid, be authorized to evacuate all persons from the above areas, with reasonable force to be used as needed to enforce this Order.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Tulare County Sheriff shall allow residents of the above areas to reenter the areas to inspect their homes and retrieve their belongings, when he deems it safe to reenter.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order is issued pursuant to the Emergency Services Act, commencing with Government Code §8550.

The County of Tulare Director of Emergency Services also requests the State of California waive any regulations that may hinder response and recovery efforts and to make available recovery assistance under the California Disaster Assistance Act.

This Emergency Proclamation shall be reviewed and ratified by the Tulare County Board of Supervisors within 7 days, or it shall have no further force or effect. The Mandatory Evacuation Order must be confirmed at the earliest practicable time by the Board of Supervisors.

This Order shall take effect immediately.

It is so ordered and proclaimed this 18 day of August, 2016 at 3:00 p.m.



Michael C. Spata  
Director of Emergency Services  
County of Tulare